

DATE & PLACE	TYPE ACFT	HIGH INT?	MAJCOM & MISHAP WING	# EARLY REL.	SYNOPSIS/STATUS
29 May 02	E-4B	NO	ACC  55 <sup>th</sup> AW, Offutt AFB, NE	NO	<p><b>FACTS:</b> Mishap aircraft (MA) was on a local training sortie, which included transition at both a nearby airfield and home station, followed by receiver air refueling. MA was conducting multiple air refueling contacts when the KC-135 boom operator informed the crew that the automatic communications processor wire #1 (HF wire) had broken loose and was striking the upper fuselage. MA recovered uneventfully to home station. Post flight inspection revealed sheet metal damage, numerous dents and scratches to the skin of the upper fuselage, one small hole in the vertical stabilizer, and scratches to 17 windows. Estimated cost of repair is \$3.9 million.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> <u>SIB and AIB appointments in progress</u></p>